5   We claim:

1. A method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing, comprising the steps of:

photographing one or more images of a person;

recording said images electronically;

10   collecting and recording identifying information related to said person and a guardian or responsible person;

transferring said identifying information and said recorded images to a portable storage medium;

transferring said recorded images and identifying information to a system server on

15   demand;

processing and storing said recorded images and identifying information in a data file; and

displaying said recorded image on a plurality of display monitors at multiple locations.

20   2. The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing, of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining a fingerprint of said person;

converting said fingerprint to a digital record;

transferring said fingerprint record to a portable storage medium;

25   transferring said fingerprint record to a system server on demand;

5   processing and storing said fingerprint record in a data file; and

generating a finger print image in print format.

3. The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing of claim 1, further comprising the step of printing a label.

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4. The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

broadcasting a verbal message via a public address amplifier; and

broadcasting a sound alarm via a public address amplifier and power horn.

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5. The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing of claim 1, further comprising the step of erasing the data from the portable storage media.

6. A lost person notification system for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person

20   is missing comprising:

cameras for photographing and recording one or more images of a person;

personal identification forms;

portable storage medium;

data handler software;

25   data compression modules;

5   a system server;

               personal computers;

               display monitors;

               network protocol; and

               notification software.

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       7. The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said data handler software comprises:

               a data collection module;

               a database; and

               a data transfer module.

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       8. The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said data compression software

compresses the fingerprint and full-body photograph images into smaller records than the face

photograph image.

20   9. The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said notification software comprises:

               a signal monitoring module;

               a data processor module; and

               an output module.

25   10. The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a fingerprint sensor.

5   11. The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a public address amplifier.

12. The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a power horn.

13. The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a smart card reader.

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14. The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said portable storage medium is a conventional smart card and associated smart card reader.

15. The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said portable storage medium is a

15   flash memory.

16. The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said data handler software further comprises a label printer.

20   17. The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said network protocol is a standard wireless protocol.

18. The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a wireless access point (WAP) device.

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